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TITANS
LEAVE ME ALONE... JUST LEAVE ME ALONE!
PRESENTED BY THE IBM CORPORATION IN COOPERATION WITH
THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF PARENTS FOR DRUG-FREE YOUTH AND
THE PRESIDENT'S DRUG AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

THE WHITE HOUSE

Dear Friend:

Don't let anyone tell you that you can't be a hero. You can--and you are about to learn how.

Picture yourself in a battle. In fact, it is one of the most important battles our nation has ever fought. You are right in the center of combat. Sound incredible? It is all part of being a hero.

Is this an imaginary battle? Not at all. Many young people are already in it and they would do anything to be on the winning side. But they've learned about it too late.

The battle is against drug abuse. Declare that you will stay drug-free. At any cost. You're guaranteed to win. And you'll be a hero--to your mother and father, family and friends, but most of all, to yourself.

There's a lot more to it and you'll learn about it as you go along. The President feels as strongly as I do about winning this battle. His Drug Awareness Campaign put this material together and generous corporations paid for it. It was done especially for you. We hope you will give being a hero your very best effort.

Sincerely,

Nancy Reagan

THE NEW TEEN TITANS™

THEY ARE THE BEST THERE IS: THE CHANGELING, SHAPE-SHIFTER SUPREME; CYBORG, HALF-MAN/HALF ROBOT; KID FLASH, SUPER-SPEEDSTER; RAVEN, MYSTERIOUS EMPATH; STARFIRE, ALIEN POWERHOUSE; AND WONDER GIRL, THE AMAZING AMAZON. TOGETHER THEY TEAM UP WITH THAT FIGHTING FURY KNOWN AS THE PROTECTOR. NOTHING CAN STOP THEM NOW.

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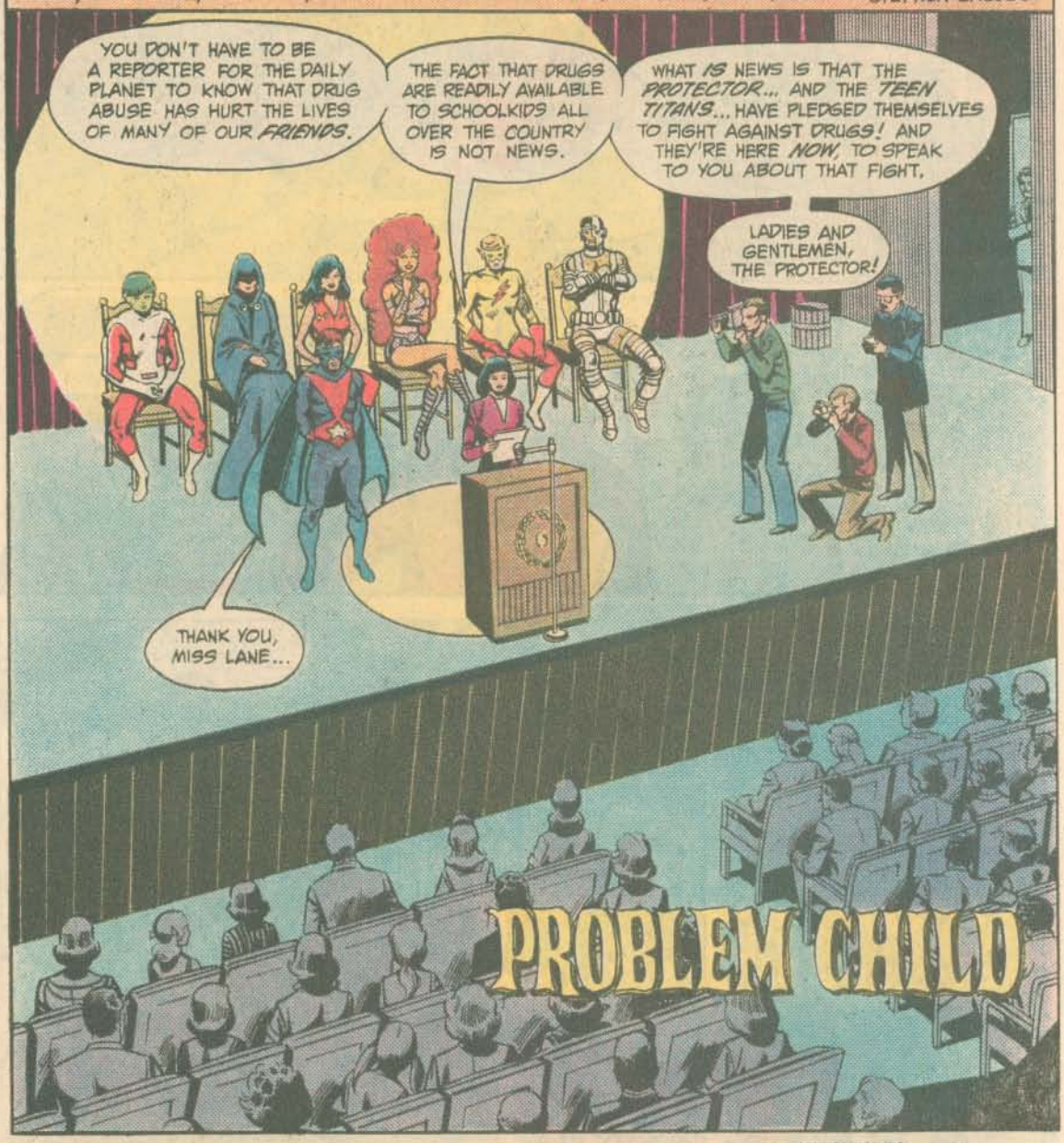

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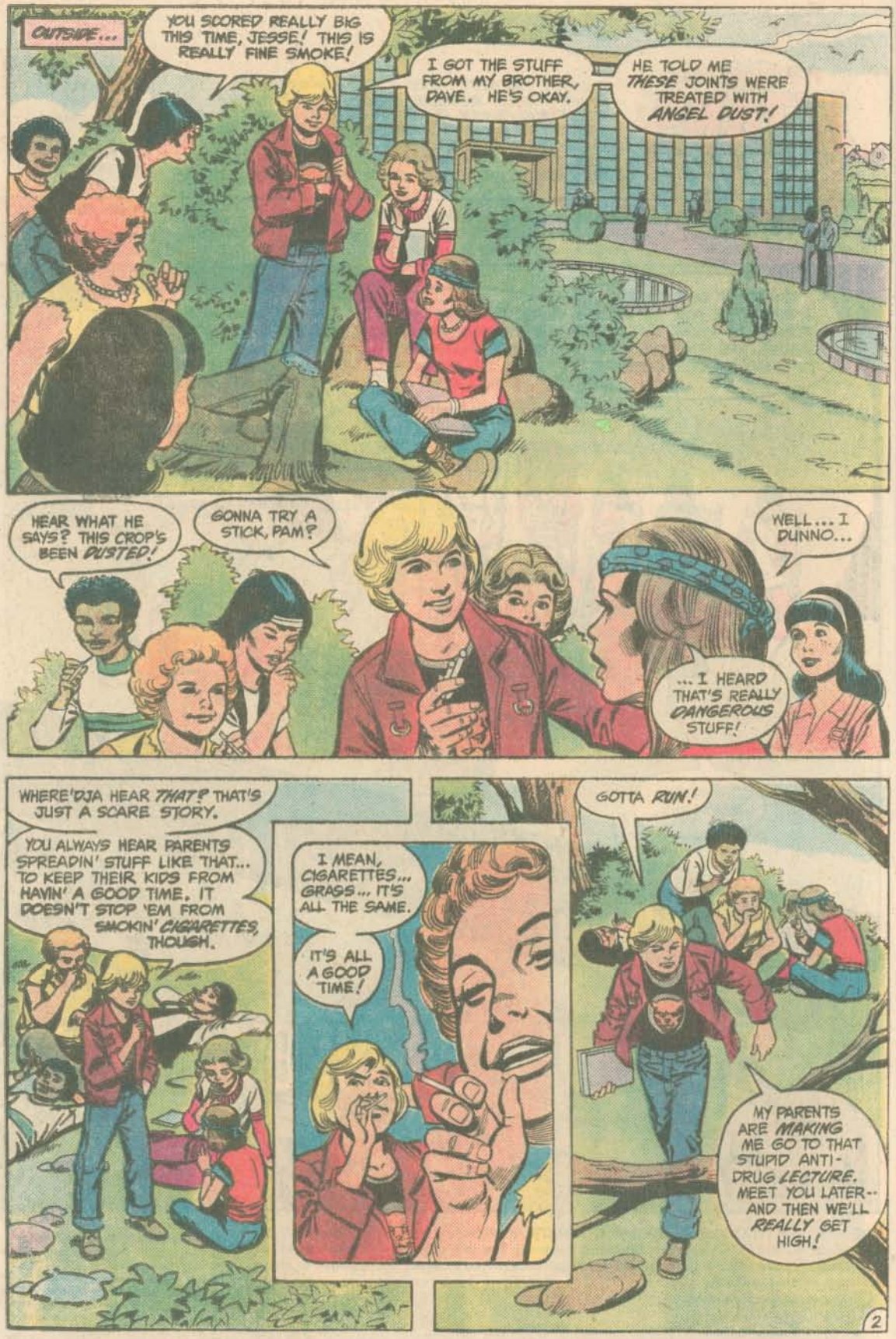
OUTSIDE...
YOU SCORED REALLY BIG THIS TIME, JESSE! THIS IS REALLY FINE SMOKE!
I GOT THE STUFF FROM MY BROTHER, DAVE. HE'S OKAY.
HE TOLD ME THESE JOINTS WERE TREATED WITH ANGEL DUST!
HEAR WHAT HE SAYS? THIS CROP'S BEEN DUSTED!
GONNA TRY A STICK, PAM?
WELL... I DUNNO...
... I HEARD THAT'S REALLY DANGEROUS STUFF!
WHERE'DJA HEAR THAT? THAT'S JUST A SCARE STORY.
YOU ALWAYS HEAR PARENTS SPREADIN' STUFF LIKE THAT... TO KEEP THEIR KIDS FROM HAVIN' A GOOD TIME. IT DOESN'T STOP 'EM FROM SMOKIN' CIGARETTES, THOUGH.
I MEAN, CIGARETTES... GRASS... IT'S ALL THE SAME.
IT'S ALL A GOOD TIME!
GOTTA RUN!
MY PARENTS ARE MAKING ME GO TO THAT STUPID ANTI-DRUG LECTURE. MEET YOU LATER-- AND THEN WE'LL REALLY GET HIGH!

SOON...
I'VE SEEN A LOT OF MY FRIENDS HURT THEMSELVES, EVEN RUIN THEIR LIVES, USING DRUGS!
IT'S TOO LATE FOR THEM...
...BUT IT'S NOT TOO LATE FOR YOUR FRIENDS... OR FOR YOU!
DO ANY OF YOU WANT TO SAY ANYTHING?
YEAH! I WANNA SAY... YOU'RE FULL OF IT!
YOU'RE JUST RUNNIN' AROUN' MAKIN' PEOPLE PARANOID!
MY PARENTS ARE FORCE-FEEDIN' ME ALL THIS -- BUT THAT DON'T MEAN I HAVE TO SWALLOW IT!
NOTHIN'S WRONG WITH DOPE SO FAR AS I CAN SEE. LOTSA KIDS IN SCHOOL DO DOPE, AN' YOU DON'T SEE THEM BUSTIN' OUT IN A COLD SWEAT OVER IT! YOU'RE JUST HANDIN' OUT A CROCK!
JESSE, PLEASE. SIT DOWN AND LIS--
AN' I'M TIRED A' YOU TELLIN' ME WHERE TO GO AN' WHAT TO DO!
YOU WANNA GET ALONG? YOU BETTER JUST LEARN TO LAY OFF, Y'HEAR ME?
LEAVE ME ALONE!
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JESSE! WHERE ARE YOU GOING??
COME BACK!

WHY IS HE LIKE THIS?
WHY IS HE SO HARD TO TALK TO?

NOT TO WORRY, FOLKS!
IF ANYONE CAN TAIL HIM...
...IT'S THE CHANGELING!

SALE
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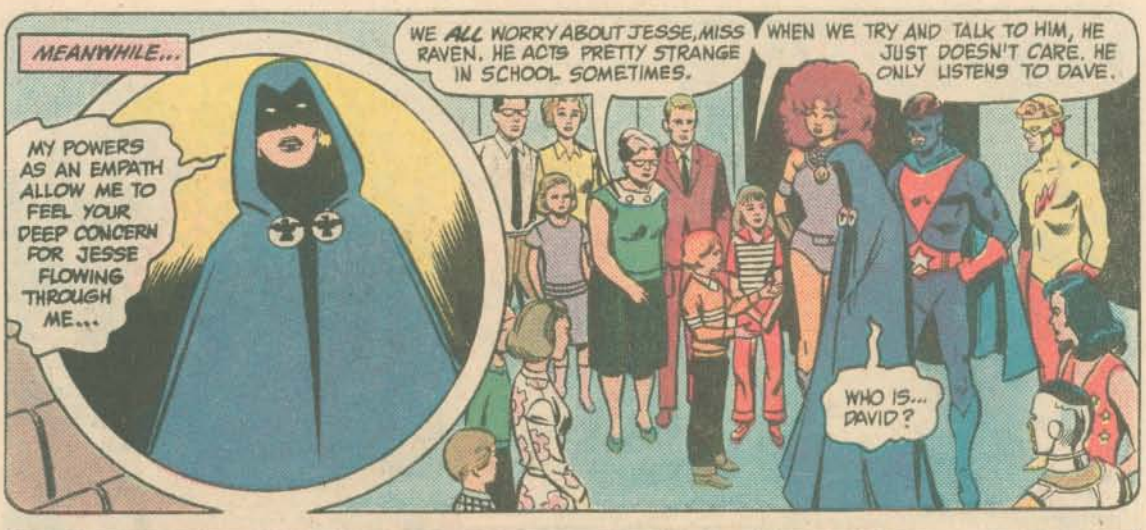
GET AWAY! Y'UNNERSTAN' ME?
GET AWAY!

I'M TIRED OF PEOPLE ALWAYS CHASIN' AFTER ME!
IF THE KID DOESN'T WATCH WHERE HE'S GOIN', HE'S NOT GONNA HAVE THAT PROBLEM VERY LONG!

HE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO SEE THAT CLIFF--
--BUT IT'LL BE HARD FOR HIM TO MISS ME--
--AS A RHINO!

BLOCKED HIM! MANAGED TO KEEP HIM FROM GOING OVER THE EDGE... IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE!
PAL, THE NEXT TIME YOU WANNA "GET AWAY FROM IT ALL," TRY MIAMI BEACH, HUH? YOU COULD'VE KILLED YOURSELF!
WHAT DO YOU CARE?

YOU HOTSHOTS TALK JUST LIKE MY PARENTS --BUT YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND!
I DON'T LIKE YELLIN' AT MOM 'N' DAD, BUT THEY JUST DON'T KNOW-- THEY DON'T SEE HOW I HURT INSIDE... AND HOW DRUGS MAKE ME FEEL!


MEANWHILE...
MY POWERS AS AN EMPATH ALLOW ME TO FEEL YOUR DEEP CONCERN FOR JESSE FLOWING THROUGH ME...
WE ALL WORRY ABOUT JESSE, MISS RAVEN. HE ACTS PRETTY STRANGE IN SCHOOL SOMETIMES.
WHEN WE TRY AND TALK TO HIM, HE JUST DOESN'T CARE. HE ONLY LISTENS TO DAVE.
WHO IS... DAVID?

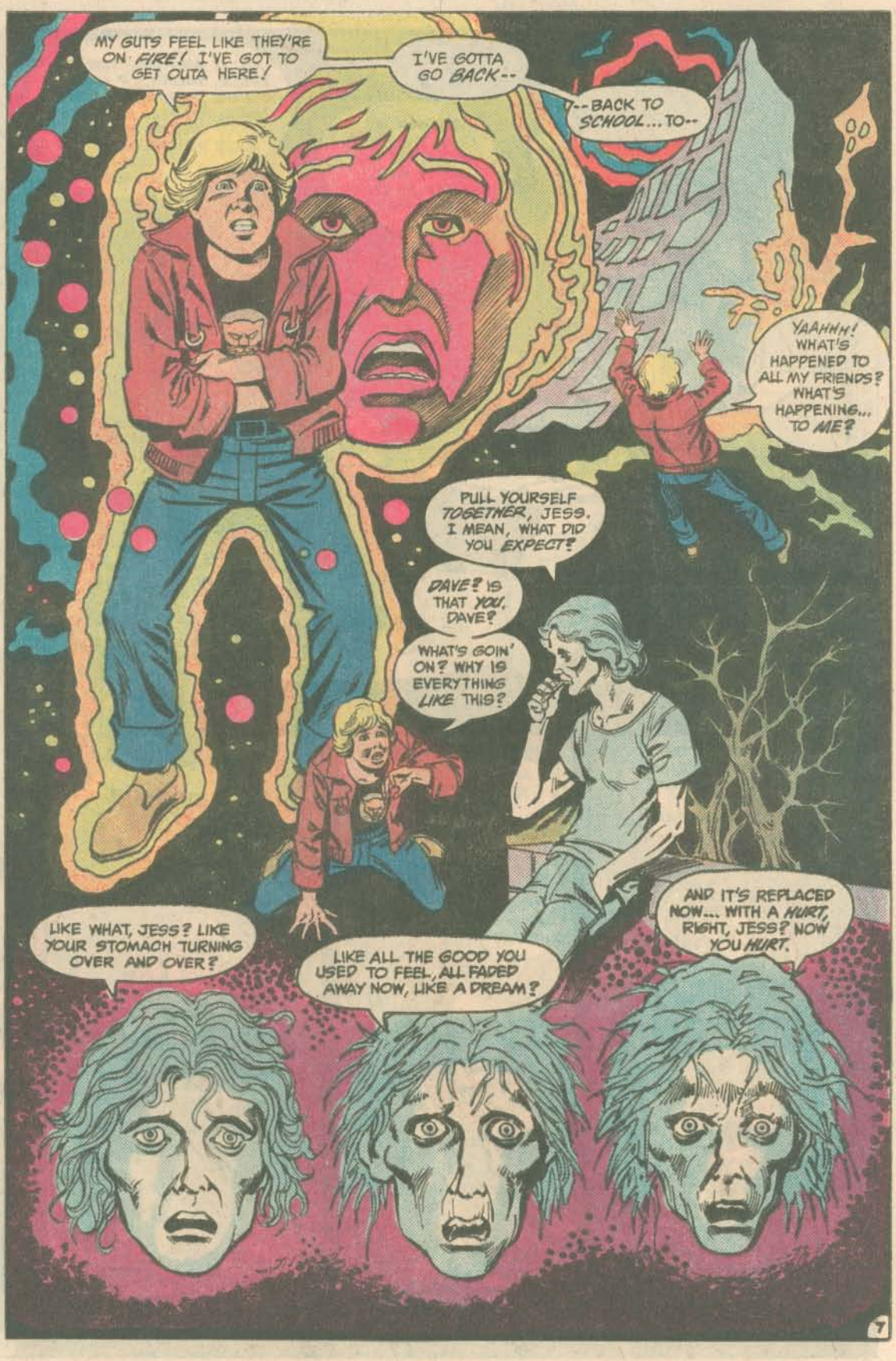
DAVE'S... OUR OTHER SON. HE'S OLDER THAN JESSE, SEVENTEEN. JESSE ALWAYS LOOKED UP TO HIM.
DAVE WAS ALWAYS A BIT OF A REBEL, DIFFICULT TO COMMUNICATE WITH.
WE COULDN'T TALK TO HIM ANY MORE THAN WE COULD JESSE. FINALLY HE RAN AWAY FROM HOME. RAN AWAY... FROM US.

HOLD! I AM FEELING SOMETHING ... STRONGLY AMISS!

I SENSE ALL OF JESSE'S EMOTIONS... HE'S ANXIOUS, CONFUSED, AND FEELS WE CONSPIRE AGAINST HIM!

I MUST GO TO HIS AID... BEFORE HE DOES SOMETHING ... WE WILL ALL REGRET!

LOOK, JESSE, YOU GOTTA TRUST SOMEBODY! LET ME HELP YOU UP, OKAY?
I CAN DO IT MYSELF! WHO ASKED YOU TO--
AGHH! MY STOMACH! STABBING PAINS! FEEL-- WEAK--
CAREFUL, JESSE, YOU'LL LOSE YOUR BALANCE AND...
JESSE!!
CAN'T WALK! GONNA--
FAAAAAAAAA
NO! NO!! STAY AWAY-- WHATEVER YOU ARE!
DO NOT FEAR ME, JESSE! I AM RAVEN--AND YOU ARE ENCOUNTERING MY SOUL-SELF!
AS I ENVELOP YOU, YOU WILL CONTINUE TO EXPERIENCE THE SENSATION OF FALLING--
--ENDLESS FALLING...
... INTO A COLD, SUNLESS DIMENSION, WHERE DARKNESS IS INFINITE...
... AND TANGIBLE!


MY GUTS FEEL LIKE THEY'RE ON FIRE! I'VE GOT TO GET OUTA HERE!
I'VE GOTTA GO BACK--
--BACK TO SCHOOL... TO--
YAAHHH! WHAT'S HAPPENED TO ALL MY FRIENDS? WHAT'S HAPPENING... TO ME?
PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER, JESS. I MEAN, WHAT DID YOU EXPECT?
DAVE? IS THAT YOU, DAVE?
WHAT'S GOIN' ON? WHY IS EVERYTHING LIKE THIS?
LIKE WHAT, JESS? LIKE YOUR STOMACH TURNING OVER AND OVER?
LIKE ALL THE GOOD YOU USED TO FEEL, ALL FADED AWAY NOW, LIKE A DREAM?
AND IT'S REPLACED NOW... WITH A HURT, RIGHT, JESS? NOW YOU HURT.

YOU PUT ME ONTO THE STUFF, DAVE! YOU TOLD ME IT WAS GONNA BE OKAY, A FINE RIDE!
AND IT WAS FINE, FOR A WHILE, WASN'T IT? MADE YOU THE REEEAL BIG MAN, MADE YOU FEEL LIKE YOU COULD TAKE ON THE WORLD, MADE ALL THE BAD STUFF IN YOUR LIFE GO AWAY...
BUT THAT'S THE DRUGS TALKIN'. NO MATTER HOW HIGH YOU ARE... IT JUST AIN'T REAL!
AND SOMETIMES, YOU GOTTA FACE... REALITY!
DAVE! DON'T GO AWAY! DON'T LEAVE ME HERE!
DAVE!

DAVE! DON'T LEAVE ME ALONE! YOU'RE MY BROTHER!
D-DAVE?

HE'S GONE! THE DARKNESS... IT-- IT'S OVER!
A BUNCHA TRICKS IS ALL IT WAS!

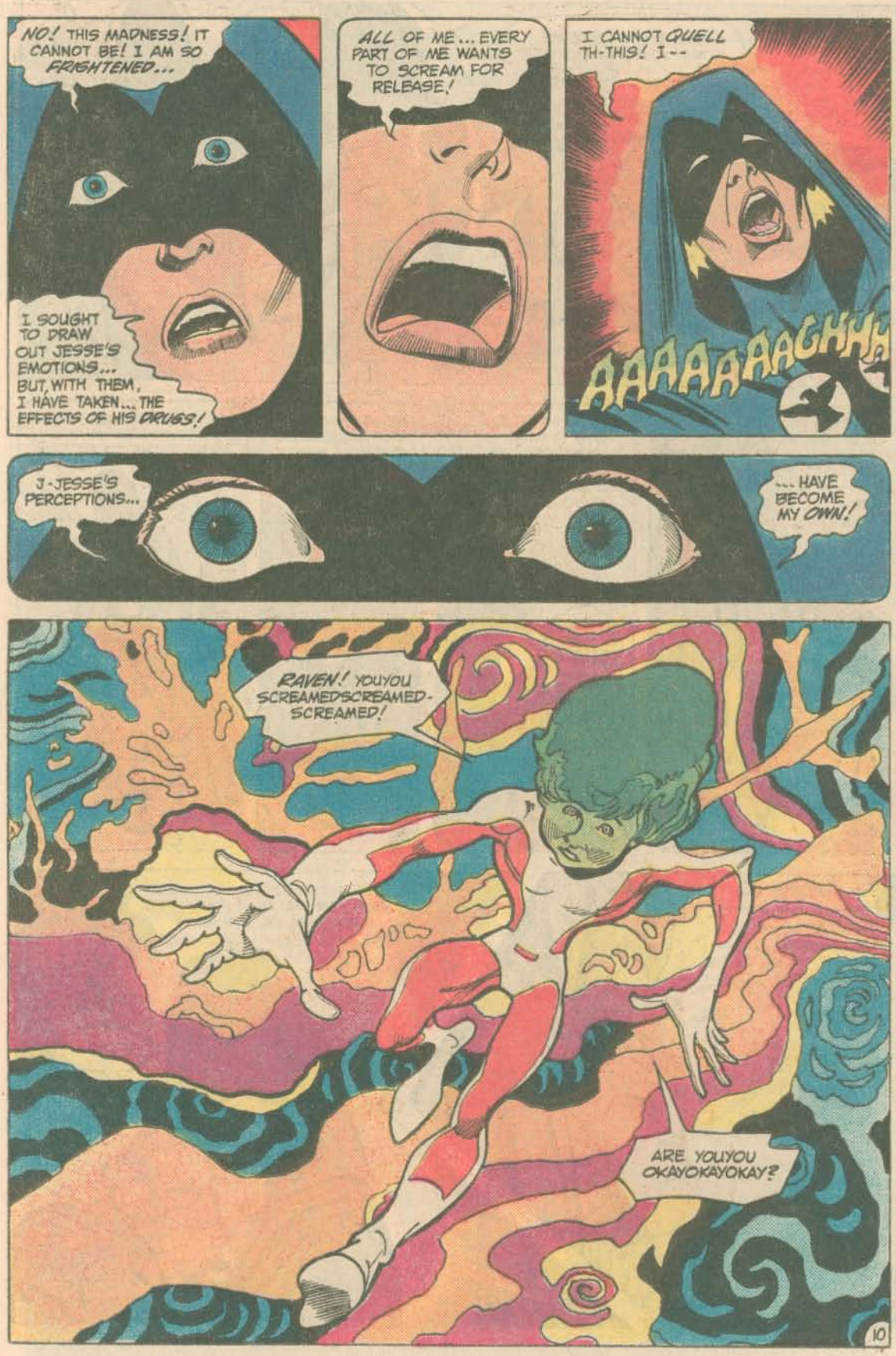
NOT TRICKERY BUT TRUTH IS WHAT YOU EXPERIENCED. THE TRUTH YOU KNOW AND SENSE INSIDE YOU!

DRUGS DISTORT YOUR MIND, YOUR SENSE OF WHAT'S REAL. THEY TELL YOU THINGS ARE FINE WHEN THEY ARE NOT!

BUT DRUGGED PERCEPTIONS DO NOT CHANGE WHAT IS REAL. COME TO ME AND I WILL SHOW YOU...

I IMPLORE YOU--
--COME TO ME! AS AN EMPATH... I CAN RELIEVE SOME OF THE HURT RAGING INSIDE YOU...

... AND SEEK OUT... AND ABSORB YOUR PAIN AND FEAR! YOU FEEL THEM EBB, DO YOU NOT?
Y-YES--


NO! THIS MADNESS! IT CANNOT BE! I AM SO FRIGHTENED...
I SOUGHT TO DRAW OUT JESSE'S EMOTIONS... BUT, WITH THEM, I HAVE TAKEN... THE EFFECTS OF HIS DRUGS!
ALL OF ME... EVERY PART OF ME WANTS TO SCREAM FOR RELEASE!
I CANNOT QUELL TH-THIS! I--
AAAAAAAGHHH
J-JESSE'S PERCEPTIONS...
... HAVE BECOME MY OWN!
RAVEN! YOUYOU SCREAMEDSCREAMED-SCREAMED!
ARE YOUYOU OKAYOKAYOKAY?
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AT THAT MOMENT...
WE COULDN'T HAVE ARRIVED SOONER!
THAT-- THAT CAN'T BE RAVEN!
I HATE TO EVEN THINK IT-- BUT IT MUST BE! SHE'S GONE BERSERK!
BACK! STAY BACK OR YOU WILL SUFFER... AS I SUFFER!

AWAY!! AWAY!!
HEADS UP, HERO-TYPES...
YAAAHWHWH!

PAIN! THERE IS NOTHING BUT PAIN CUTTING THROUGH ME!
DESIST... OR YOU WILL FEEL IT AS WELL!
SHE'S TOO MUCH FOR ME! I'M GOING TO FALL!

AND DID YOU THINK I'D LET YOU?
THANKS, STARFIRE... OR RIGHT NOW, I'D BE PROTECTING THE JAGGED ROCKS BELOW!

I'VE ONE CHANCE TO KEEP HER UNDER CONTROL...
...WITH MY MAGIC LASSO!

AHHHRRR! HER ENERGY --SEARING ME THROUGH MY LASSO!
SHE'S USING IT AS A CONDUCTOR!
ZZZZAAT!! ZOWW!!
GOT TO RELEASE HER-- OH!
NO SWEAT, WONDER GIRL, I'VE GOT YOU.
JESSE! YOU WERE WITH RAVEN! WHY IS SHE DOING THIS?
I DUNNO... SHE... SHE WAS USING HER POWERS ON ME. SHE SAID SHE WAS DRAWING AWAY MY PAIN... AND THEN... AND THEN...
SHE MUST'VE, LIKE, GOT HIGH OFF ME, TOO! THE DOPE...
... WAS LACED WITH ANGEL DUST, WASN'T IT, JESSE?
THERE ARE CASE HISTORIES OF UNCONTROLLABLE VIOLENCE AMONG ITS USERS!... AND NOW IT'S AFFECTED RAVEN THAT WAY, TOO!
NO MATTER WHAT THE COST, SHE MUST BE STOPPED!
UNNH! MY BODY-- FEELS LIKE THERE'RE A MILLION VOLTS RUNNING THROUGH IT!
BUT I'M NOT LETTING GO! DO YOU HEAR ME?--
--I'M NOT LETTING GO!!
IT'S OVER! SHE'S COMING OUT OF IT!
BURNED HERSELF OUT IS MORE LIKE IT!
WHAT--WHAT'RE YOU GUYS TRYIN'A SAY?
THAT-- I WAS LIKE THAT?
YOU MEAN YOU STILL DON'T REALIZE-- THAT YOU WERE JUST AS UNCONTROLLABLE?
THE FACT THAT YOU DIDN'T EVEN KNOW IT SAYS A LOT ABOUT THE DRUGS YOU'RE USING!
DO WE HAVE TO PAINT YA A PICTURE, KID?
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SHE'LL NEED TO BE LOOKED AFTER! I'M FLYING HER TO A HOSPITAL!
JESSE! JESSE! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

YEAH,,, YEAH, MOM. I'M OKAY NOW!
LOOK, I DIDN'T MEAN ANY OF THAT STUFF I SAID BACK THERE. THAT... THAT WAS THE STUFF TALKING ... NOT ME, OKAY?
YOU UNDERSTAND, DON'TCHA?
WE DO, HONEY...WE DO. ALL WE CARE ABOUT NOW... IS THAT YOU'RE SAFE!

GUESS THAT TAKES CARE OF EVERYTHING, THEN...
NO, WAIT! A LOT OF FRIENDS OF MINE ARE JUST LIKE THAT... MAYBE SOME OF 'EM ARE WORSE, I DUNNO...
...BUT I WANNA HELP THEM NOW!

BY DOING WHAT?
WE ALL GOT INTO DRUGS TOGETHER... MAYBE I CAN GET 'EM OFF THE SAME WAY!

WELL, TO START, WHERE'D YOU GET THE STUFF IN THE FIRST PLACE?
MY BROTHER, DAVE. I WANTED TO TRY IT AND HE GOT IT FOR ME.
HEY! DID YA HEAR THAT?
YEAH.
THE CREEP! HE'S TURNING NARC!

WE'D BETTER TELL DAVE!
YEAH! BEFORE HE TURNS THE REST OF US IN!

LATER...
THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF TALK ABOUT DRUG USE AMONG YOUNGSTERS...
AND SO FAR TODAY, WE'VE ADDED MORE TALK. BUT WHO HERE HAS HELPED THEIR CHILDREN BATTLE DRUGS IN THEIR OWN NEIGHBORHOOD?

WHAT CAN WE DO...? WE'VE TRIED EVERYTHING!
SOMETIMES, THERE'S JUST NO GETTING THROUGH TO THEM!

WE'VE BEEN STRICT... WE'VE BEEN FAIR...
WE'VE BEEN ANGRY... WE'VE BEEN SYMPATHETIC... WE'VE TRIED EVERY APPROACH... AND WE CAN'T HELP THINKING THAT JOINING THIS PARENT-CHILD GROUP, HERE, TODAY, IS OUR LAST HOPE!

IN A WAY, I KNOW WHAT MY KID'S GOING THROUGH ... FIRSTHAND!
BACK IN THE ARMY, WHEN I GOT SHOT, THEY GAVE ME NARCOTICS -- PAIN-KILLERS -- SO I WOULDN'T FEEL IT AS MUCH!
EXIT

BY THE TIME I WAS WELL I HAD GROWN TO LIKE THAT HIGH SO MUCH... I DIDN'T WANT TO STOP!... AND I'LL NEVER SEE MY SON SUFFER THE SAME WAY!

I THOUGHT ALL KIDS TOOK DRUGS THESE DAYS... SEEMS LIKE IT'S A RITE OF PASSAGE... A PHASE THEY GO THROUGH... A PART OF GROWING UP?
NOT TRUE, MA'AM.

A BIG PART OF THE PROBLEM WITH DRUGS AND KIDS IS THAT IT'S MADE TO LOOK COOL!
YOUNG KIDS SEE OLDER ONES THEY ADMIRE DOING DOPE... AND THEY FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE! TO THEM, IT SEEMS LIKE FUN!

WHEN THEY START, IT'S STILL FUN... AND THEY TELL THEIR FRIENDS HOW GREAT IT IS!
BUT THEN, THE DEBILITATING EFFECTS START... AND SOON THE KIDS BECOME PHYSICALLY OR PSYCHOLOGICALLY ADDICTED!

BUT... WHAT IS THERE FOR US? WHAT CAN WE DO?
FIRST AND FOREMOST, LOVE YOUR KIDS
YOU DON'T HAVE TO LOVE WHAT THEY DO -- BUT LOVE THEM!
NO ONE SAYS IT'LL BE EASY. BUT DON'T BE AFRAID TO TAKE CHARGE.
PREPARE TO HAVE YOUR HEART BROKEN TIME AFTER TIME -- UNTIL YOUR KID HAS LICKED THE PROBLEM -- BUT IT CAN BE LICKED!
ORGANIZE -- GET INTO THERAPY PROGRAMS -- PEER COUNCILS, PARENT GROUPS -- OR FORM THEM YOURSELVES.
ORGANIZE THE COMMUNITY AND THE SCHOOL! CONTACT LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES WHO KNOW HOW TO HELP ADDICTS ...
AND BE PREPARED TO WORK HARDER THAN YOU HAVE IN YOUR LIFE!
YOU'LL BE PAYING YOUR KIDS A LOT OF ATTENTION -- FORGET ABOUT MOVIES OR TV -- OR ABOUT GOING OUT.
COMMIT YOURSELF BODY AND SOUL TO YOUR KIDS, AND WHEN YOU'RE DONE, YOU'LL HAVE A BETTER RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR CHILDREN THAN ALMOST ANY PARENT EVER HAS!
AND YOU KIDS... YOU HAVE A JOB TO DO, TOO! YOU'VE GOT A RESPONSIBILITY TO YOUR PARENTS... AND YOUR FRIENDS, AS WELL!
YOU'VE GOT TO BE WILLING TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR FOLKS... LET THEM IN ON WHAT'S GOING ON IN YOUR LIVES ... AND IN YOUR COMMUNITY!
AND IF YOUR FRIENDS GET INTO DRUGS, YOU HAVE TO REMEMBER YOUR RESPONSIBILITY IS TO HELP THEM! YOU CAN'T JUST SIT BACK AND WAIT FOR PEOPLE TO COME TO YOU... YOU HAVE TO MAKE THINGS HAPPEN!

ELSEWHERE...
CUT ME SOME SLACK, WILL YA, GUYS?... I'M BRINGIN' NEW KIDS IN FOR YA ALL THE TIME!
YOU GOTTA FIX ME UP, MAN! I GOTTA GET OFF!

WHAT ARE WE, THE FREE CLINIC?
YOU PAY FOR IT LIKE THE LITTLE BRATS DO! JUST 'CAUSE YOU PUSH 'EM ONTO THE STUFF FOR US DON'T MEAN WE OWE YOU ANY FAVORS.

I TOLD YA... THE KIDS'LL BE BUYIN' SOME HERB FROM ME FRIDAY...
...BUT I NEED SOME JUNK TODAY!

WHO DO YOU THINK YER YELLIN' AT, CREEP?

YOU THINK YOU'RE THE FIRST JUNKIE TO COME IN HERE WITH A SOB STORY?
YOU THINK WE'RE GONNA FALL ALL OVER YOU AND MAKE NICE JUST 'CAUSE YOU'RE STARTIN' TO HURT?

THE RULES DON'T CHANGE. NO MONEY, NO HIGH!
NOW GET YOUR BUTT OUT ON THE STREET--

--WITH THE REST OF THE DEADBEATS!

I SAY IT'S TIME WE CUT OFF ONE OF THE SUPPLIES IN THIS TOWN AT THE SOURCE!

ARE YOU WITH ME?

YOU COULDN'T GO SOMEPLACE I COULDN'T FOLLOW!

MULTIPLY THAT BY FIVE, PROTECTOR, AND YOU'LL GET YOUR ANSWER!

WHAT'S THE FIRST STEP, LEADER?

JESSE'S ALREADY TOLD US WHERE TO MOVE!

YOU MEAN THE KID'S BROTHER?

"I'M SURE WE'LL GET A BIG LEAD!"

AN' THEN... JESSE TOLD THEM SUPER-HERO GUYS *YOU* WERE DEALIN' TO US!

WHAT? MY OWN *BROTHER'S* SETTIN' ME UP?

WAIT'LL I GET A HOLD OF HIM!

TAKE CARE OF HIM LATER, DAVE...

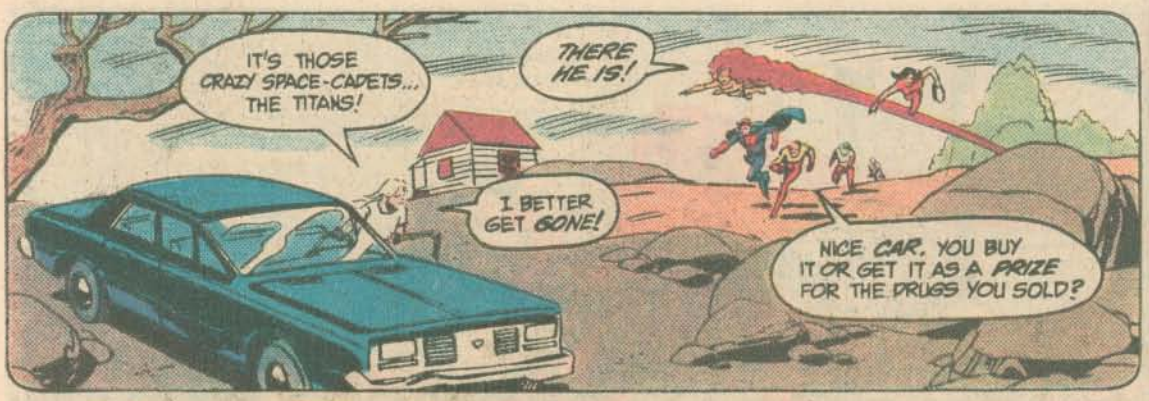
YEAH... TAKE CARE OF *US* NOW.

ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT... BUT LISTEN...

WHEN YOU *SPLIT*, HEAD OFF IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS, GOT IT?

YOU DON'T WANT NOBODY TRACIN' YOU BACK HERE! YOU DON'T WANNA TIP OFF NO *MARC*-- LIKE MY *BROTHER* DID!

NOW, GET *GOIN'*!


IT'S THOSE CRAZY SPACE-CADETS... THE TITANS!
THERE HE IS!
I BETTER GET GONE!
NICE CAR. YOU BUY IT OR GET IT AS A PRIZE FOR THE DRUGS YOU SOLD?

HE'S FLOORING THE PEDAL!
THAT MEAN MUCH TO YOU, WONDER GIRL?

NOT A LOT, FRIEND!
NOT WHILE I CAN USE--

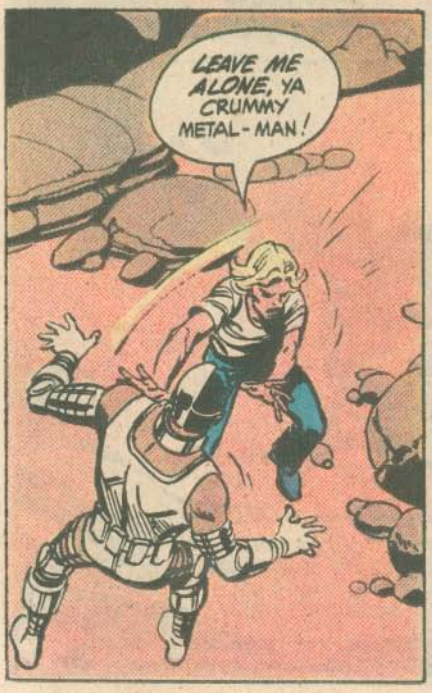
--MY MAGIC LASSO!
OUT OF THE CAR, DAVE! YOU'RE IN NO SHAPE TO DRIVE!

AND IF YOU ARE--

--WE'LL GLADLY BEND YOU OUT OF SHAPE!

I'M ONLY GONNA ASK ONE TIME, PAL... WHERE DO YOU GET THE DOPE YOU DEAL?
I KNOW MY RIGHTS! I DON'T HAVE TO SAY ANYTHING--
I DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS TO YOU, EITHER... BUT I WILL IF YOU DON'T TALK!
THAT'S A NOT ONE. I KNOW YOU PEOPLE WON'T HURT ANYONE--SO YOU'RE IN NO POSITION TO MAKE THREATS! I'LL--

POSITION? YOU GOT A LOTA GALL TALKIN' ABOUT POSITION!
I CAN READ THESE NEEDLE MARKS ON YOUR ARM LIKE YOUR LIFE HISTORY! THEY SAY YOU'RE A JUNKIE!
AND THAT'S LOW... REAL LOW!


LEAVE ME ALONE, YA CRUMMY METAL-MAN!

JUST GET OUTA MY LIFE!

I CAN SEE... HE'S GONNA LEARN... THE HARD WAY!

GOTTA RUN... GOTTA GET OUTA HERE. NEED A FIX.

I'LL TELL THE BOSS... THAT'S WHAT I'LL DO, YEAH. I'LL TELL 'IM THE TITANS ARE ONTO HIM. THAT'S WORTH A FIX.

YEAH. I'LL TELL HIM THAT! HE'LL THANK ME!
HE'LL GET ME A FIX!

CAN YOU TRACE WHERE HE'S OFF TO, CYBORG?
EASY FOR ME. I SLIPPED A HOMING DEVICE ON HIM WHEN STARFIRE DISTRACTED HIM WITH THAT BLAST...

HIS LITTLE BLIP IS SHOWING UP ON MY ROBOT ARM'S RADAR SCREEN RIIIIGHT NOW. READY TO GIVE CHASE?

ALWAYS READY!
THEN, WE'RE OFF!
WE'LL FOLLOW DAVE BACK TO HIS SUPPLIERS... AND NAIL THE WHOLE BUNCH OF THEM!

BACK AT THE SCHOOLYARD...
HEY, NARC!
WHY DIDN'T YA POINT THE FINGER AT THE WHOLE PACK OF US, RAT-FACE?
NOT ENOUGH OF A REWARD?
WHAT'S IT TO YA, ANDY? I GOT NOTHIN' TO DO WITH DRUGS ANYMORE!

YOU BETTER!
CLEAN KIDS HATE A FINK AS MUCH AS THE DOPERS DO!

YOU SMOKE AGAIN... YOU SHOW EVERYBODY YOU'RE AN OKAY GUY!
YOU DON'T... AND YOU'RE A RAT-- WITH NO FRIENDS... STRAIGHTS OR SMOKERS!
I'M NOT GONNA START AGAIN!

I'M NOT! I'M NOT!!

I'M NOT!!
IF THAT'S YOUR IDEA OF FRIENDSHIP, KEEP IT!

YOU SAY THAT *NOW*, BUT YOU'LL COME CRYIN' TO US LATER!
NO CHANCE!

I'VE *HAD* IT WITH DOPE! I DON'T WANT WHAT HAPPENED TO ME BEFORE TO HAPPEN AGAIN... TO *ME*... OR TO *ANY* OF YOU!

MAYBE YOU'RE TOO THICK TO SEE IT... BUT DRUGS CAN *KILL*, AND *REAL FRIENDS* DON'T LET *THEIR* FRIENDS GET HURT OR KILLED!
SOMETIMES YOU GOTTA FORGET WHAT PEOPLE ARE *TELLIN'* YOU IS RIGHT... AND DO WHAT'S *REALLY RIGHT!*

I WASN'T RATTING ON MY FRIENDS... I WAS TRYIN' TO STOP THOSE PUSHERS FROM GETTIN' YOU TO WASTE YOUR LIVES! I WAS TRYIN' T'BE A *REAL FRIEND!*
AND IF THAT COSTS ME ALL MY FRIENDS... I DON'T CARE! I'D DO IT *AGAIN!*

YOU MAY NOT BELIEVE THIS, JESSE...
BUT A LOT OF US FEEL THE SAME WAY!

THAT'S EASY FOR YOU TO SAY, JESSE! LOOK AT ALL THE HELP YOU HAD BEATING DRUGS!
YOUR PARENTS'LL HELP YOU, TOO! PARENTS AND KIDS HAFTA WORK TOGETHER AND LEARN TO HELP EACH OTHER! YOU'LL SEE!
'CAUSE THIS ISN'T JUST YOUR PROBLEM...
...IT'S EVERYBODY'S...
THERE GOES DAVE! FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN A RAT JUMP ON A SINKING SHIP!
QUIET!
WAREH
THEY'LL BE GLAD TO SEE ME!
SO GLAD... THEY'LL GIVE ME WHAT I NEED!
BOSS! THE TITANS! THEY'RE GUNNING FOR YOU!
I MANAGED TO GET AWAY -- BUT I CAN WARN YOU THAT--
GET AWAY? THEY LET YOU GET AWAY, YOU IDIOT, SO THEY COULD FOLLOW YOU TO US!
SHARP THINKING!
NO WONDER YOU'RE SO GOOD AT TURNING A PROFIT!
NOW WE'LL SHOW YOU HOW TO TAKE A LOSS!
YOU! YOU DID THIS TO US! YOU BROUGHT THEM HERE!
YOU BETTER BE REACHING FOR A CANDY BAR, PAL...
'CAUSE I'LL MAKE YOU EAT WHATEVER YOU PULL OUTA THAT JACKET!

WATCH OUT! THE TITANS HAVE GONE CRAZY!
NOT CRAZY! ANGRY!
PUSHERS LIKE YOU GET US MAD...

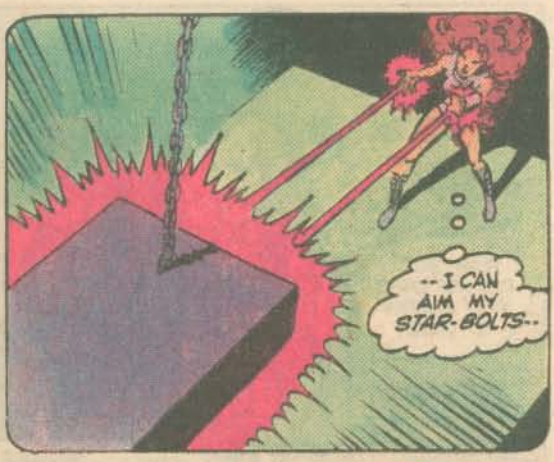
MAD ENOUGH TO DO A LITTLE PUSHING OF OUR OWN!
THINK YOU MIGHT WANNA START LOOKING FOR AN HONEST JOB IN THE MORNING, CREEP?

HEY, BABE... YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING TO US WITH A BUNCHA DIME-STORE ROPE!
YOU'RE RIGHT!

DIME-STORE ROPE WOULD BE NO USE!
BUT WITH MY MAGIC LASSO--

--I CAN WORK WONDERS!

THE ONLY DRUG YOU'LL SEE FROM NOW ON IS ASPIRIN FOR THE HEADACHE I'M GIVING YOU!
ONE OF THEM HAS A GUN! HE'LL SHOOT THE PROTECTOR WHILE HE'S UNAWARE, UNLESS--


--I CAN AIM MY STAR-BOLTS--

--TO GET THE DROP ON HIM!

KID FLASH IS CHASIN' THOSE GOONS MY WAY!

I'LL GIVE 'IM A HAND CATCHIN' 'EM... BY BECOMING A SNAKE--

--THE ONLY THING THAT'S AS LOW-DOWN AND SNEAKY AS THEY ARE!

I'LL BET YOU NEVER HAD A TRIP LIKE THIS, EVEN ON DRUGS, EH, BUSTER!

ARRGH!
OOOOGH!
THESE GUYS DON'T LIKE YOUR JOKES, CHANGELING...
JUST LISTEN TO THE WAY THEY'RE GROANING!

THAT'S THE LAST OF THEM!
YEAH, BUT IT'S NOT OVER YET! LISTEN TO DAVE!
HE'S IN A PRETTY SAD STATE! WE'D BETTER GET HIM TO THE HOSPITAL.
THAT REMINDS ME... RAVEN SHOULD BE GETTING OUT OF THERE NOW, AS WELL!
I NEED IT... I NEED A FIX SO BAD...
SOMEBODY... HELP ME OUT! I GOTTA HAVE IT!

SOMETIME LATER... AT THE HOSPITAL...
WE CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH, TITANS!
I'M THE GUY WHO SHOULD BE DOIN' THE THANKIN'!

I COULDN'T SEE MY LIFE WAS GOIN' NOPLACE... BUT THE TITANS... AND MY FAMILY WISED ME UP!

GIVING UP DOPE REALLY HURTS... AND IT'S A LONG STRUGGLE!
I ONLY WISH I'D NEVER GOT STARTED IN THE FIRST PLACE! BUT, SINCE I DID... ALL I WANNA SAY IS...
...THANKS FOR BEIN' ON MY SIDE!

THAT'S THE REAL STORY...
...PARENTS AND KIDS WORKING TOGETHER... TO CREATE A DRUG-FREE YOUTH!
THIS HAS BEEN LOIS LANE REPORTING... GOOD NIGHT!

TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT SOME OF THE CHOICES THE PEOPLE MADE IN THE STORY YOU JUST READ. FIRST, CHECK OFF IF YOU FEEL THIS WAS A GOOD OR BAD CHOICE, THEN, BRIEFLY WRITE IN WHY YOU CHOSE THAT.

GOOD ☐ BAD ☐

WHY? _____

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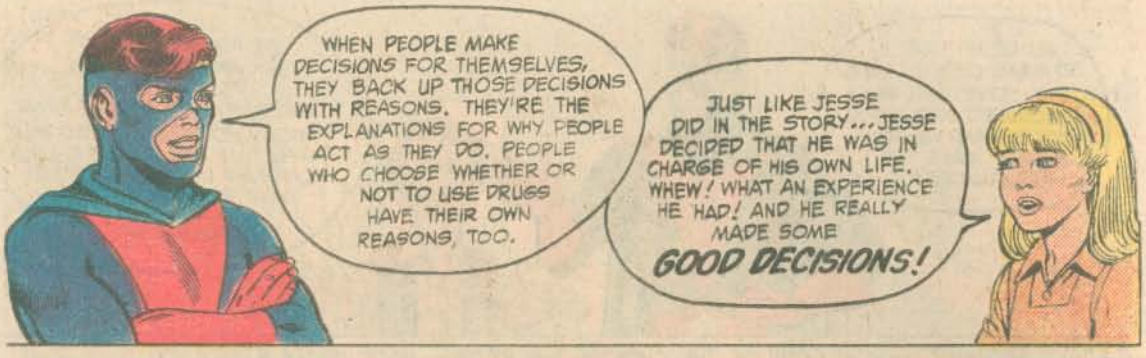


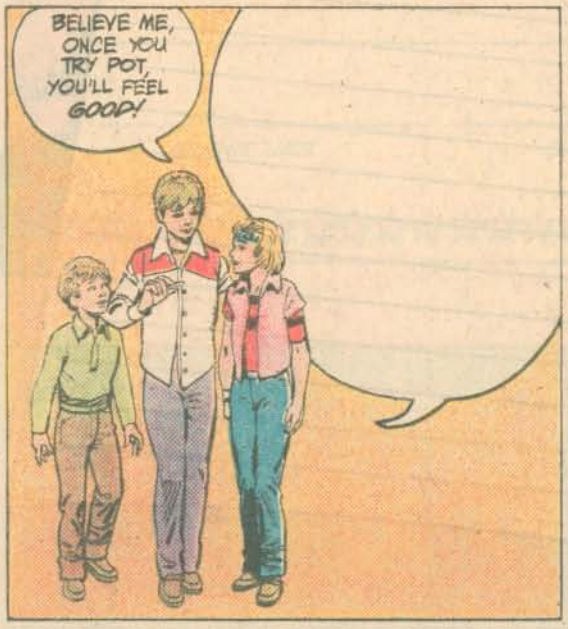
IN THE COLUMNS BELOW, LIST THE REASONS YOU THINK PEOPLE USE DRUGS ON THE LEFT SIDE AND THE REASONS PEOPLE DECIDE NOT TO USE DRUGS ON THE RIGHT.

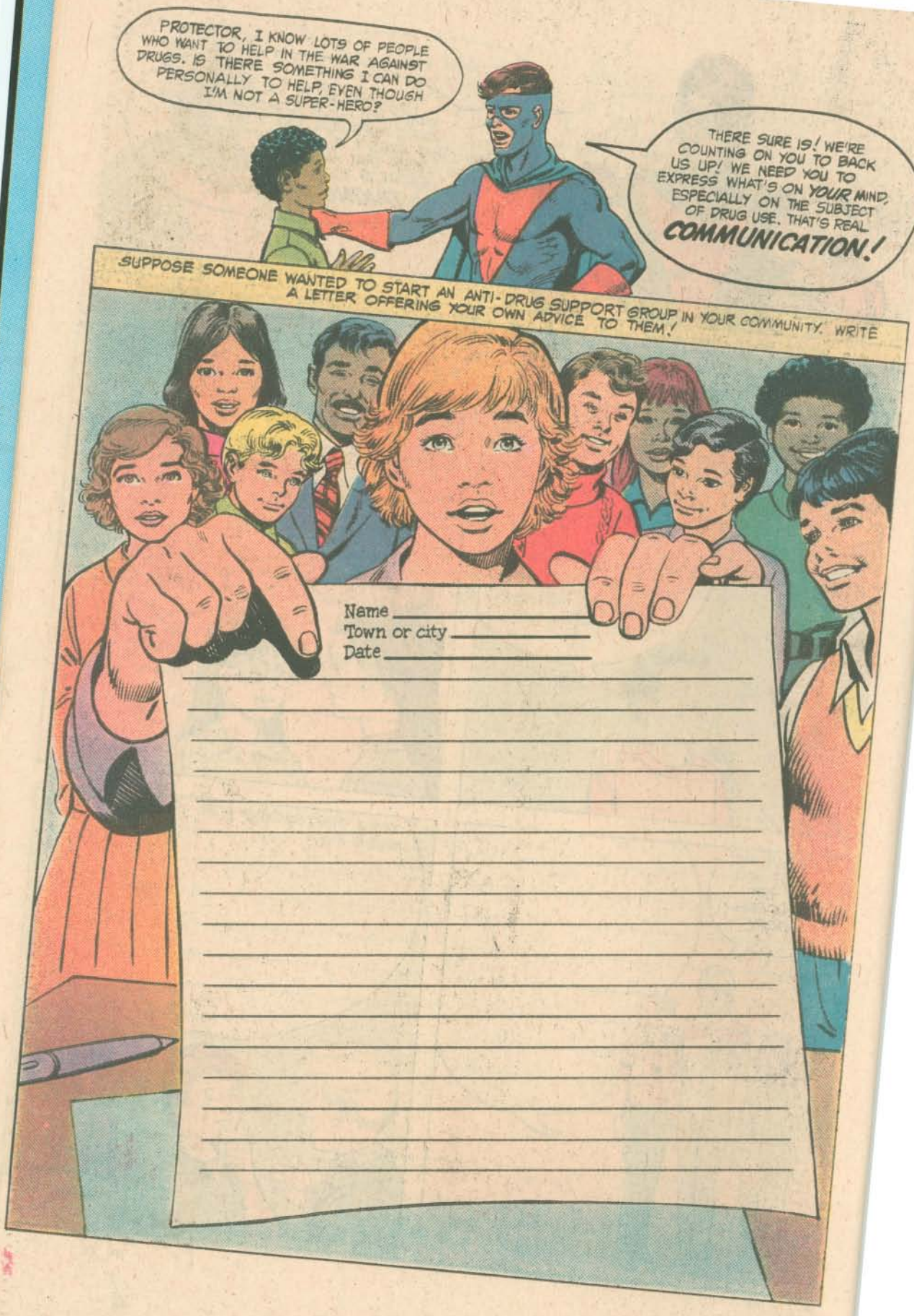
REASONS FOR DRUG USE	REASONS FOR STAYING DRUG FREE

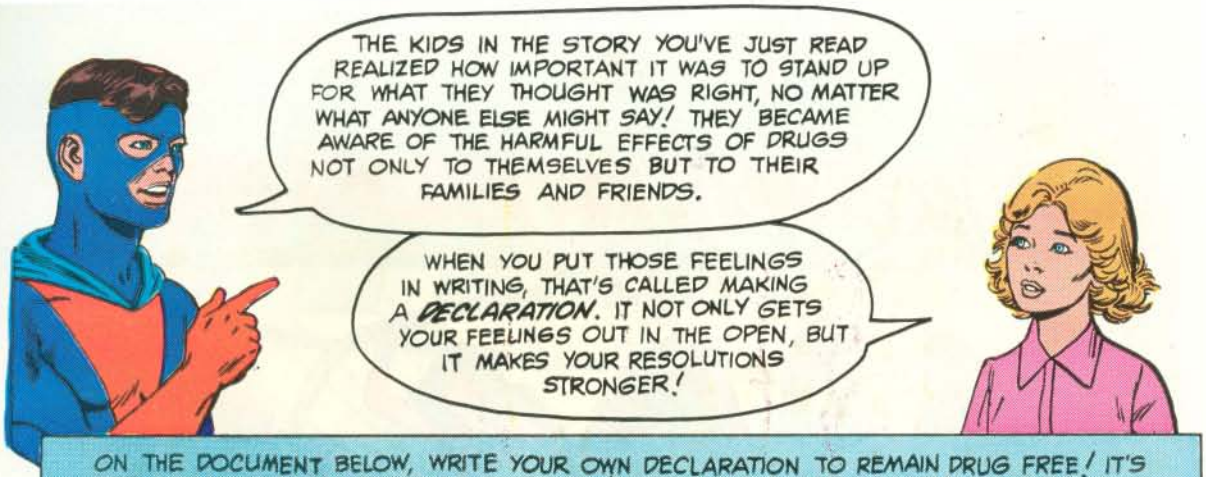
FURTHER DISCUSSION

- ARE ANY REASONS FOR DRUG USE GOOD ONES?
- DO THE REASONS FOR KEEPING DRUG FREE APPLY TO EVERYONE? WHY?
- SHOW THIS ACTIVITY TO YOUR PARENTS AND FRIENDS. SEE IF THEY CAN THINK OF ANY MORE REASONS.

WRITE YOUR RESPONSE INTO THE BLANK WORD BALLOONS IN EACH OF THE DIFFERENT SITUATIONS BELOW.




PROTECTOR, I KNOW LOTS OF PEOPLE WHO WANT TO HELP IN THE WAR AGAINST DRUGS. IS THERE SOMETHING I CAN DO PERSONALLY TO HELP, EVEN THOUGH I'M NOT A SUPER-HERO?
THERE SURE IS! WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU TO BACK US UP! WE NEED YOU TO EXPRESS WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND, ESPECIALLY ON THE SUBJECT OF DRUG USE. THAT'S REAL COMMUNICATION!
SUPPOSE SOMEONE WANTED TO START AN ANTI-DRUG SUPPORT GROUP IN YOUR COMMUNITY. WRITE A LETTER OFFERING YOUR OWN ADVICE TO THEM!
Name
Town or city
Date



ON THE DOCUMENT BELOW, WRITE YOUR OWN DECLARATION TO REMAIN DRUG FREE! IT'S THE FIRST STEP YOU CAN TAKE IN BEING A HERO IN THE WAR AGAINST DRUGS! REMEMBER, THIS COULD BE THE MOST IMPORTANT STATEMENT YOU'VE EVER MADE IN YOUR LIFE!

Declaration

I DECLARE THAT _____

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